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RE: Termination of Informal Dispute Resolution Period

Dear Cindy:

This letter concerns response costs sought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") which have been contested by Asarco. Paragraph XIV of the Consent Decree, CV90-46-H-CCL (the "Decree") entered into by Asarco and the EPA, provides for a 30 day informal negotiation in which to resolve disputes arising under the Decree. That paragraph also provides that the 30 day period may be extended by agreement between the parties to the dispute.

EPA would like to extend the informal negotiation period to May 30, 1991, and hereby requests Asarco's written agreement to such an extension. As I stated in my April 17, 1991 letter to you, I would be happy to schedule a meeting between Asarco and the EPA finance coordinator who compiled the East Helena costs and the East Helena Project Coordinator to discuss the disputed costs.

Finally, I have not heard from Asarco whether the company is still interested in receiving a Standard Cost Documentation package for invoice #1T011. I would appreciate any assistance you can provide in resolving this issue, and look forward to hearing from you concerning this and the other matters discussed above.

Sincerely,

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